

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for investment portfolio management, comprising:
2 accessing a plurality of investment tools that perform a plurality of
3 functions;
4 communicating among the plurality of investment tools so as to make
5 data from any of the plurality of investment tools available to the remaining
6 plurality of investment tools;
7 performing real-time electronic crossing transactions; and
8 monitoring real-time at least one of the plurality of functions of at least
9 one of the plurality of investment tools, wherein an intermediate value of at
10 least one of the plurality of functions is available for review during a pending
11 transaction.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising reporting, including
2 presenting at least one report that comprises data from at least one of the
3 plurality of investment tools in a uniform format.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the uniform format is predefined
2 by a user.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein reporting includes directing at
2 least one of the plurality of investment tools to indicate a level of completion of
3 an assigned task.

1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein data is available to the plurality
2 of investment tools through a central interface common to the plurality of
3 investment tools.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein performing electronic crossing
2 transactions includes:
3 receiving inputs from a first user indicating a willingness to match
4 offsetting orders with a second user; and
5 placing the indication of willingness to match orders on a network.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of investment tools
2 further comprises portfolio analytic tools, portfolio accounting tools, risk
3 management tools, research data tools, trade order management tools, and
4 performance measurement and attribution tools.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein monitoring includes directing at
2 least one of the plurality of investment tools to perform at least one of the
3 plurality of functions at predefined intervals.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes portfolio optimization.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes re-balancing a portfolio.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes risk assessment.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes trade order execution.

1 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes measuring portfolio performance against a defined benchmark.

1 14. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes attributing portfolio performance to specific causes.

1 15. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of functions
2 includes lending securities.

1 16. A method for investment portfolio management, comprising:
2 accessing a plurality of investment tools that perform a plurality of functions;
3 communicating among the plurality of investment tools so as to make data from
4 any of the plurality of investment tools available to the remaining plurality of
5 investment tools, wherein data is available to the plurality of investment tools
6 through a central interface common to the plurality of investment tools;

7 monitoring an investment process involving at least one of the plurality
8 of investment tools, wherein monitoring includes making an intermediate value
9 available during a transaction.

1 17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:
2 receiving inputs from a first user indicating a willingness to match
3 offsetting orders with a second user on a real-time basis; and
4 placing the indication of willingness to match orders on a network.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the indication of willingness to
2 offset orders is placed on a electronic crossing network.

1 19. A method for managing investments comprising:
2 establishing a central interface common to a plurality of investment tools
3 that perform a plurality of functions, wherein the plurality of investment tools
4 communicate so as to make data from at least one of the plurality of investment
5 tools available to the remaining investment tools;
6 reporting data from at least one of the plurality of investment tools to a
7 user in a uniform format defined by the user including the level of completion
8 of an assigned task of at least one of the functions of at least one of the
9 investment tools;
10 performing electronic crossing transactions, wherein the user indicates a
11 willingness match offsetting orders; and
12 monitoring at least one of the plurality of functions involving at least

13 one of the plurality of investment tools, wherein an intermediate value of at
14 least one of the plurality of functions is available for review by the user during a
15 pending transaction.

1 20. The method of claim 19, wherein monitoring includes directing
2 at least one of the plurality of investment tools to perform at least one of the
3 plurality of functions at predefined intervals.

1 21. The method of claim 19, wherein reporting includes directing at
2 least one of the plurality of investment tools to indicate a level of completion of
3 an assigned task.

1 22. The method of claim 19, wherein the plurality of investment
2 tools include portfolio analytic tools, portfolio accounting tools, risk
3 management tools, research data tools, trade order management tools, and
4 performance measurement and attribution tools.

1 23. A system for managing investment portfolios, comprising:
2 at least one user interface;
3 at least one processor;
4 at least one display device coupled to the processor;
5 at least one memory device coupled among the at least one processor,
6 the at least one user interface, and the at least one display device, wherein the at
7 least one memory device stores instructions that when executed, cause the

processor to:

establish a central interface common to the plurality of investment tools,
that perform the plurality of functions wherein the plurality of investment tools
communicate so as to make data from at least one of the plurality of investment
tools available to the remaining investment tools;

report data from at least one of the plurality of investment tools to a user
in a uniform format defined by the user including a level of completion of an
assigned task of at least one of the functions of at least one of the investment
tools;

perform electronic crossing transactions, wherein the user indicates a
willingness to trade at least one first security for at least one second security;

monitor at least one of the plurality of functions involving at least one of
the plurality of investment tools, wherein an intermediate value of at least one
of the plurality of functions is available for review by the user during a pending
transaction.

24. A system for investment portfolio management, comprising:

at least one client browser, wherein the at least one client browser
includes at least one processor capable of executing instructions;

at least one server;

at least one memory device coupled among the at least one client
browser and the at least one server in a computer network, wherein the memory
device stores instructions that when executed, causes the processor to;

establish a central interface common to the plurality of investment tools,

that perform the plurality of functions wherein the plurality of investment tools communicate so as to make data from at least one of the plurality of investment tools available to the remaining investment tools;

report data from at least one of the plurality of investment tools to a user in a uniform format defined by the user, including the level of completion of an assigned task of at least one of the functions of at least one of the investment tools.

25. The system of claim 24, further comprising instructions that cause the system to indicate a first user's willingness to match offsetting orders with a second user.

26. The system of claim 24, further comprising instructions that cause the system to monitor at least one of the plurality of functions of at least one of the plurality of investment tools, wherein an intermediate value of at least one of the plurality of functions is available for review by the user during a pending transaction.

27. A computer-readable medium, comprising executable instructions for investment portfolio management which, when executed in a processing system, causes the system to:

establish a central interface common to a plurality of investment tools, wherein the plurality investment tools that perform a plurality of functions communicate so as to make data from at least one of the plurality of investment

7 tools available to the remaining investment tools;
8 report data from at least one of the plurality of investment tools to a first
9 user in a uniform format defined by the first user including the level of
10 completion of an assigned task of at least one of the functions of at least one of
11 the investment tools;
12 indicate the first user's willingness to offset an order with a second user;
13 and
14 monitor at least one of the plurality of functions involving at least one of
15 the plurality of investment tools, wherein an intermediate value of at least one
16 of the plurality of functions is available for review by the user during a pending
17 transaction.

1 28. An electromagnetic medium, comprising executable instructions
2 for investment portfolio management which, when executed in a processing
3 system, causes the system to:
4 establish a central interface common to a plurality of investment tools,
5 wherein the plurality investment tools that perform a plurality of functions
6 communicate so as to make data from at least one of the plurality of investment
7 tools available to the remaining investment tools;
8 report data from at least one of the plurality of investment tools to a first
9 user in a uniform format defined by the first user including the level of
10 completion of an assigned task of at least one of the functions of at least one of
11 the investment tools;
12 indicate the first user's willingness to offset an order with a second user;

